

COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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SUFFOLK COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION SUMMARY OF REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING

David L. Calone
Chairman

Sarah Lansdale, AICP
Director of Planning

Date: July 1, 2015
Time: 2:00 p.m.
Location: Rose Caracappa Legislative Auditorium
William H. Rogers Legislature Building
North County Complex
Hauppauge, New York 11788

Members Present (10)

Ramon Accettella Jr. – Town of Babylon
Samuel Kramer – Town of East Hampton
Jennifer Casey – Town of Huntington
Matthew Chartrand – Town of Islip
Carl Gabrielsen – Town of Riverhead
Barbara Roberts – Town of Southampton
Adrienne Esposito – Villages Over 5,000
Michael Kaufman – Villages Under 5,000
Kevin Gershowitz – At Large
David Calone – At Large

Staff Present (6)

Sarah Lansdale – Director of Planning
Andrew Freleng – Chief Planner
John Corral – Planner
Ted Klein – Senior Planner
Christine DeSalvo – Senior Clerk Typist
Mary Porter – Assistant County Attorney, Counsel to the Commission

Meeting Summary (continued)

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Call to Order

LOCATION
H. LEE DENNISON BLDG. - 4TH FLOOR
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- The Suffolk County Planning Commission meeting of July 1, 2015 was called to order by Chairman David Calone at 2:05 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance

Adoption of Minutes

- The adoption of the May 2015 and June 2015 Meeting Minutes were tabled.

Public Portion – Eight members of the public addressed the Commission, all regarding the proposed adoption of the 'Suffolk County Master Plan 2035' expressing their strong support for the Plan.

Chairman's Report - Chairman Calone updated the Commission as follows:

- On Agriculture; The Chair stated the Planning Commission held a press conference on its "farmers of the future" effort about a month ago, noting that it is a new program that the Commission has been working on with the Peconic Land Trust to help young and transitioning farmers use a State grant money to afford the capital equipment that they need to get started. The Chair noting that several applications from farmers have already come in, and that he has had conversations with oyster farmers out on the North Fork, and that the aquaculture industry along with the traditional farmers are very interested in tapping into to this new source of funding. He thanked Commission members Carl Gabrielsen and Barbara Roberts, as well as Legislator Al Kupski for all their work on getting the program started.
- On the issue of "North Fork Traffic", Chairman Calone indicated that the Commission has talked about putting together a working group to look at how it can help improve North Fork traffic flow during the busiest tourist times of the year. The Chair recognized the help of Commission members Nick Planamento and Carl Gabrielsen. Also, he noted talking to the Ag community, Legislator Al Krupski, the Supervisors of Riverhead and Southold, as well as the Trustees of the Village of Greenport, and indicated that the working group would get going hopefully this month.
- On the 'Geothermal Model Code'; Chairman Calone stated that the Town of Brookhaven has adopted the Commission's Model Geothermal Code, and that he and Commission member Michael Kaufman recently visited the Towns of Smithtown and Brookhaven to thank them for their efforts, and did separate photo-ops with the respective Supervisors, as PSEG presented them with their 'rebate checks'. The Chair indicated that the Commission could look forward to seeing other municipalities follow suit in just a few months.

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Chairman's Report (Continued)

- On the 'Utility Solar' effort; Chairman Calone stated that the Commission's working

group has finished creating a model code for utility solar projects, and indicated that the Town of Brookhaven has moved forward in the process of adopting it, and could do so as early as this month. Having recently met with representatives of PSEG, the Chair mentioned that the Commission has offered recommendations to PSEG regarding how they can better incorporate land use considerations into their solar RFP process to avoid the community uproar and to put their projects in the right kinds of places - that makes sense from the land use perspective and that also makes sense from the community perspective. The chair stated that in addition to himself 1st Vice Chair Adrienne Esposito and Commission member Michael Kaufman met with representatives of PSEG just prior to this Commission meeting; and that PSEG will be taking up the Commission's recommendations for improving the RFP process, and the Chair thanked them for that.

- With regard to the Comprehensive Plan; Chairman Calone reminded the Commission how long they have worked on the Plan and stated with great satisfaction that it had finally been completed. The Chair mentioned that it has been 40 years since the last County Comprehensive Plan and that a lot has changed since, particularly Suffolk County's population which is one of the largest in the country. He stated one of the primary responsibilities of the County Planning Commission under the County Charter is to propose a comprehensive strategic plan for the County. He indicated that the Comprehensive Plan is designed to look at the strengths and weaknesses of the County in order to help plan for the future. Chairman Calone briefly explained that upon consideration of the Comprehensive Plan by the Commission, it would be referred to the Suffolk County Legislature for consideration for adoption as an official County policy document. The Chair then stated that that in a few moments Planning Director Sarah Lansdale will present an overview of Suffolk County's newly completed Comprehensive Plan, thanking her and the planning department staff, as well as many of the Commissioners for all their work on it.

Director's Report (taken out of order) – The Planning Director Sarah Lansdale presented an overview of the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Director Lansdale, referring to the Plan as a "Framework for the Future", began by thanking all the members of the Commission for their effort in helping to advance this endeavor and acknowledged the planning staff for their work on the County's Comprehensive Plan. Director Lansdale stated the three main elements of the Plan's vision for Suffolk County as being to 'Revitalize' our downtowns, 'Rebuild' our infrastructure and 'Reclaim' our water and other natural resources. The Director then spoke about the process and highlights of the Plan, and more extensively of the elements of the Plan considered to be the County's key priority objectives which are transportation, housing, economic development, community revitalization, water quality, streamline government and protecting the environment.

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Director's Report (continued)

Director Lansdale also spoke about the Innovative Alternative On-site Wastewater Treatment System Program the County is conducting regarding the replacement of on-site sanitary systems to reduce nitrogen within the County; noting that the first one had just been

installed.

Section A14-14 thru A14-25 of the Suffolk County Administrative Code

There were no application referrals submitted for the current meeting that met the Commission's threshold for review.

Section A14-7 thru A14-11 of the Suffolk County Administrative Code

In accordance with Administrative Code, stating that the Planning Commission, by resolution of 2/3 of its total membership, shall adopt a Comprehensive Plan for Suffolk County.

After a short deliberation, and acknowledgement of the Suffolk County's Council on Environmental Quality's Type II SEQR determination, the Commission resolved to approve the "Framework for the Future – Suffolk County Master Plan 2035".

The motion to approve the "Framework for the Future – Suffolk County Master Plan 2035" and refer it for consideration by the Suffolk County Legislature was made by Chairman Calone and seconded by Commission member Casey, vote to Approve; 10 ayes, 0 nays, 0 abstentions.

Meeting Adjournment (3:22 p.m.)

The motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Commission member Accettella and seconded by Commission member Kaufman. The motion was approved.